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Community comment on "Novel Mid-Paleozoic dataset of antiarch placoderms (the most basal jawed vertebrates)" by Zhaohui Pan et al., Earth Syst. Sci. Data Discuss., https://doi.org/10.5194/essd-2021-394-CC1, 2022

I noticed some species in your dataset (see Supplement) have not been identified down to the species level (e.g., Asterolepis sp. and Bothriolepis sp.), and their number is pretty decent. Why do you use those species in your dataset? I wonder it may get a more convincing result by only using identified species. Do those species affect the final result while you use them or not?